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NEW SONGS.

I. The MAID going to sell
her BARLEY.

II. The THISTLE and ROSE.

III. WOMAN is a TRIFLE.



Entered according to Order.

The MAID going to sell her Barley.

Tune. *Up i' the Morning early.*

CAuld and raw the North did blaw,
Bleak in the morning early ;
A' the fields were hid with snaw,
cover'd with winter yearly ;
As I was riding o'er the Slough,
I met with a farmer's daughter,
With rosey cheeks and bonny brow ;
good faith my mouth did water.

Down I veil'd my bonnet low,
meaning to shew my breeding ;
She return'd a graceful bow,
her visage far exceeding.
I ask'd her where she was going so soon,
and long'd to hold a parley ;
She told me to the next market town,
on purpose to sell her barley.

In this purse, sweet soul, said I,
twenty pounds lie fairly,
Seek no further one to buy,
for I'll take a' thy barley : (light,
Twenty pounds more shall purchase de-
thy person I love so dearly,
If thou wilt lig with me all night,
and gang hame in the morning early,

If forty pounds would buy the globe,
 this thing I would not do, Sir;
 Or, were my friends as poor as Job,
 I'd never raise them so, Sir: (friend,
 For, should you prove one night my
 we's get a young kid together,
 And you'd be gone ere nine months end,
 then where should I find the father?

Pray, what would then my parents say,
 if I would be so silly,
 To give my maiden-head away,
 and lose my true love Billy?
 Oh! this would bring me to disgrace,
 and therefore, I say you nay, Sir;
 And if that you would me embrace,
 first marry, and then you may, Sir.

I told her, I had wedded been
 fourteen years and longer;
 Else I'd chuse her for my queen,
 and tie the knot still stronger:
 She bid me then no farther come,
 but manage my wedlock fairly; (home,
 And keep my purse for poor spouse at
 for some other should buy her barley.

Then, as swift as any roe,
 she rode away and left me;
 After her I could not go
 of joy she quite bereft me;

Thus I myself did disappoint,
 for she did leave me fairly;
 One word knock'd all things out of joint,
 I lost both maid and barley.

Riding down a narrow lane,
 some twa or three hours after,
 Then I chanc'd to meet again
 this bonny farmer's daughter.
 Altho' it was both raw and cold,
 I staid to hold a parley,
 And shew'd once more my purse of gold,
 when as she had sold her barley.

Love, said I, pray do not frown,
 but let us change embraces;
 I'll buy thee a fine silken gown,
 with ribbons, gloves, and laces:
 A ring and bodkin, muff, and fan,
 no lady shall have neater;
 For, as I am an honest man,
 I ne'er saw a sweeter creature.

Then I took her by the hand,
 and said, My dearest jewel,
 Why shouldst thou thus disputing stand?
 I pr'ythee be not cruel.
 She found my mind was fully bent,
 to please my fond desire,
 Therefore she seemed to consent,
 but I wish I'd ne'er come nigh her.

Sir, said she, What shall I do,
 if I commit this evil,
 And yield myself in love—with you,
 I hope you will prove civil?
 You talk of ribbons, gloves, and rings,
 and likewise gold and treasure;
 Oh! let me first enjoy those things,
 and then you shall have your pleasure.

Sure thy will shall be obey'd,
 said I, my own dear honey;
 Then into her lap I quickly laid
 full forty pounds in money,
 We'll to the market town this day,
 and straightway end the quarrel,
 And deck thee like a lady gay,
 in flourishing rich apparel.

All my gold and silver there,
 to her I did deliver;
 On the road we did repair,
 till we came unto a river,
 Whose waters were both deep and wide;
 such rivers I ne'er saw many:
 She leapt her mare on t'other side,
 and left me not one penny.

Then my heart was sunk full low,
 with grief and care surrounded;
 After her I could not go,
 for fear of being drowned:

She turn'd about, and said, Behold!
 I'm not at your devotion;
 But, Sir, I thank you for your gold,
 'Twill help to enlarge my portion.

I began to stamp and stare,
 to see what she had acted;
 With my hands I tore my hair,
 like one that was distracted.
 Give me my money then, I cry'd,
 good faith I did but lend it;
 But she full fast away did ride,
 and vow'd she did not intend it.

The THISTLE and ROSE.

IT was in old times,
 When trees compos'd rhymes,
 And flowers did with elegy flow;
 It was in a field,
 Which various did yield,
 A Rose and a * Thistle did grow.
 It was in a field, &c.

In a sun-shining day,
 The Rose chanced to say,
 Friend Thistle. I'll be with you plain,
 And if you would be
 United to me,
 You would ne'er be a * Thistle again,
 And if you would be, &c.

Says the Thistle, My fears
 Defends mortals and fears,
 Whilst thou'rt unguarded on the plain;
 And I do suppose,
 Tho' I were a Rose,
 I wou'd long to be a * Thistle again.
 And I do suppose, &c.

O Friend, says the Rose,
 You falsely suppose,
 Bear witness ye Flowers of the plain;
 You wou'd take so much pleasure,
 In beauty's vast treasure,
 You wou'd ne'er be a * Thistle again.
 You wou'd take, &c.

The Thistle at length,
 Admiring the Rose,
 With all the gay Flowers of the plain,
 She throws off her points,
 Herself she anoints,
 And now in close Union she's gone.
 She throws off her points, &c.

But in a cold stormy day
 While heedless she lay,
 No longer could sorrow refrain,
 She fetch'd a deep groan,
 With many On-on!
 O were I a * Thistle again!
 She fetch'd a deep groan, &c.

But now I'm the mock
 Of Flora's fair flock,
 Nor dare I presume to complain ;
 But remember that I
 Disasterly cry,
 O were I a * Thistle again !
 But remember that I, &c.

W O M A N is a T R I F L E .

W O M A N, thoughtless, giddy creature ;
 laughing, idle flutt'ring thing !
 Most fantastic work of nature,
 Still, like Fancy, on the wing.

Slave to ev'ry changing passion,
 loving, hating, in extream ;
 Fond of ev'ry foolish fashion,
 and, at best, a pleasing dream.

Lovely trifle ! dear delusion !
 conqu'ring weakness ! with'd for pain !
 Man's chief glory, and confusion,
 of all vanities most vain.

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 Thus deriding beauty's power,
 Bevil call'd it all a cheat ;
 But in less than half an hour,
 kneel'd and whin'd at Celia's feet.

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